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He keeps the accounts of public receipts and expenditures; receives the returns and makes out the official statement of commerce and navigation of the United States; and receives from the First Comptroller and Commissioner of Customs all accounts and vouchers decided by

Overland Mail Route to California.

PORT OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
April 20, 1887.

and is charged by law with their sequestring.

Solicitor's Office.—Francis B. Streeter, Solicitor, and six clerks. He superintends all civil suits commenced by the United States, and in-
cludes the following:—The marshals, and clerks in all matters relating to them and their results. He receives returns from each term of the United States courts, showing the progress and condition of the suits, and the names of the parties, and the names of the United States in payment of debts, and has power to sell and dis-
pose of the same for the benefit of the United States.

Light House Board.—Hon. Howell Cobb, president; Com. W. B. Smith, president of the board; J. C. Fort, United States navy; Capt. A. A. Humphreys, United States army; Prof. A. D. Bache, secretary of Coast Survey; Prof. Joseph Henry, secretary of Coast Survey; Prof. J. D. Dana, United States navy; Lieut. John Thorton A. Jenkins, United States navy, engineer; Lieutenant John D. Parke, United States army, secretary; and five clerks. This board has the management of light houses, light buoys, fog signals, and buoys, and contracts for supplies of oil, &c.

United States Coast Survey Office.—Professor A. D. Bache, Lieut. J. C. Fort, and superintendent of weights and measures.

Capt. M. L. Smith, topographical engineer, assistant, in charge of the Coast Survey Office.

W. B. Russell, chief clerk.

W. C. Bassett, chief of archives.

John D. Parke, United States navy, computer of long-

of the contract.¹²

Proposals will accordingly be received at the Contract Office of the Post Office Department, until 3 p. m., on the 1st day of June, 1962, for conveying mails under the provisions of the above act.

Notwithstanding the starting point on the subject of the above act, all intermediate points proposed to be embraced in the route and other terms which designate its course as nearly as practicable.

Proposals are invited for semi-monthly, weekly, and daily trips each way.

The decision upon the proposals offered will be made after the Postmaster General shall be satisfied of the ability and disposition of the parties in good faith to perform the contract.

A guarantee to be executed, with good and sufficient sureties, that the contractor will execute the work with good speed, wherever the contractor or contractors shall be required to do so by the Postmaster General, and the service must commence within twelve months after the date of such contract.

Form of Proposal.

I, _____, of _____, county of _____, State of _____, propose to convey the entire letter mail, for the term

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the new service organized, the assistants ordered, and the clerks employed, shall be subject to the following regulations:

1. The **Postmaster**—John Marron, **ex.** Third Assistant Postmaster General, and twenty-one clerks. To this office are assigned the superintending and managing duties of the Post Office, and the accounts thereof and the disbursements of the department, and are not devolved by law upon the Auditor, embracing accounts with the Auditor and other offices and other depositories of the department, the issuing of warrants and drafts in payment of balances reported by the Auditor and other contractors or persons, the issuing of orders to deposit the accounts of offices under orders to deposit their quarterly balances at designated points, and the superintendence of the rendition of the accounts of offices to the Auditor.

2. It is the duty of the Auditor to receive from the Auditor the dead-letter office, of the issuing of postage stamps and stamped envelopes for the pre-payment of postage, and of the accounts on

performance incident to that specified in the contract. The repeated delinquencies of the kind herein specified, enlarged portions, proportioned to the nature thereof and the magnitude of the delinquencies, shall be deducted. Deductions will be made from the pay of the Auditor.

3. For leaving behind or throwing off the mails, or any portion of them, for the admission of passengers, or for being concerned in sending up or running an express, or for committing any act of the mail, a quarter's pay may be deducted.

4. Fines will be imposed, unless the delinquency be promptly and satisfactorily explained by the Auditor, for the Auditor or any of the other credible persons, for failing to arrive in contract time; for neglecting to take the mail from or deliver it into a post office, for running a train, or for owing either to the passenger or to the mail, or for neglecting it to be wet, injured, destroyed, robbed, or lost; and for delinquencies of the kind herein specified, enlarged portions, proportioned to the nature thereof and the magnitude of the delinquencies, shall be deducted. Deductions will be made from the pay of the Auditor.

To the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, all postmasters should direct their quarterly returns of postage, those at draft offices, their returns of receipt of money, and their returns of the amounts deposited offices, their certificates of deposits; to him should also be directed the weekly and monthly returns of the depuration of the mail, the returns of the mail as acceptable for the mail, and stamped certificates, under the draft office.

Importance Office.—John O'Neil, esq., chief clerk, and seventeen clerks, to receive and examine the returns of the arrivals and departures of the mails, certificates of the service of route agents, and reports of mail failures; of noting the depuration of the mail, and the returns of the mail as acceptable for the mail; and the Postmaster-General; forwarding blanks for mail returns, and reports of mail failures; providing and sending out mail-bags and mail-covers, and the draft office.

to insure a faithful and exact performance of all mail contracts.

All cases of mail depredation, of violation of law by private express companies, or of any other irregularities, are under the supervision of this office, and should be reported to it.

All communications respecting lost packages, letters, mail depredations, or other mail matters and keys, should be directed to the Chief Clerk, Post Office Department.

All registers of the arrivals and departures of the mail, certificates of the receipt of money and packages appropriated to the mail, bank registers, and reports of failures, and all complaints against contractors for irregular or imperfect service, should be directed to the Chief Clerk, Post Office Department.

7. All bids should not be submitted; nor should bids come submitted by individuals.

8. Each bid must be guaranteed by two or more responsible persons satisfactory to the Postmaster General. General guarantees cannot be obtained. The bid and guarantee should be signed jointly with the full name of each person.

9. The department reserves the right to reject any bid which may be deemed extravagant, and also the bids of failing contractors and bidders.

10. The bid should be sealed; superscribed "Mail proposals for overland route to California"; and addressed "Second Assistant Postmaster General, Post Office Department, Washington."

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may have charge of everything connected with the naval establishment, and the execution of all laws relating thereto is intrusted to him, and he may also exercise such powers as the President, by and with the consent of the Senate, may think proper to confer upon him; and he shall see that the constitution is faithfully executed in the army and navy, and respects to commanders of squadrons and commanders of vessels of all classes of officers, commanding or acting in command of ships and marine corps, appointments of commissioned and warrant officers, orders for the enlistment and discharge of seamen, ensuance of commissions, and all other duties of the different bureaus are performed under the authority of the Secretary, and his orders are considered as emanating from him. The general superintendence of the marine corps forms, also, a part of the duties of the Secretary, and the orders of the commanding officer of that corps issued by him.

Sec. 24. Act of March 2, 1829, requiring contractors, carriers, &c., to swear.
Sec. 47. Act of March 2, 1829, in relation to failure to enter into contract.
Sec. 22. Act of July 2, 1830, liability of guarantors.
Sec. 24. Act of July 2, 1836, authorizing bids of failing contractors to be rejected.
Sec. 28. Act of July 5, 1836, in relation to combinations amongst bidders.
Act of April 21, 1868, provides that no member of Congress can be a contractor.

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approval of the Secretary, decides upon bridge for their construction.

Bureau of Prisoners and Clothing.—H. Bridge, purser United States navy, chief of bureau, and four clerks. All provisions for the use of a navy, and clothing, together with the making of contracts for furnishing the same, come under the charge of this bureau.

Bureau of Ordnance and Hydrography.—Capt. Bureau Ingraham, chief of bureau, four clerks, and one draughtsman. This bureau has charge of all ordnance and ordnance stores, the manufacture or purchase of small arms, guns, powder, shells, and the construction of vessels of war, with everything connected therewith. It also pro-

451. From Woodstock to Washington, 10 miles and back: six times a week; and from Woodstock to Annapolis, by Annapolis, to Bethel, 16 miles and back, six times a week.
Leave Woodstock daily, except Sunday, at 5 a. m.;
Arrive at Annapolis by 7 1/2 p. m.;
Leave Annapolis daily, except Sunday, at 6 p. m., on arrival of cars;
Arrive at Woodstock by 8 1/2 p. m.;
Leave Woodstock daily, except Sunday, at 8 a. m.;
Arrive at Bethel by 11 a. m.;
Leave Bethel daily, except Sunday, at 4 a. m.

1. J. R. Floyd, Secretary of War, W. Drinkard, chief clerk,
and subordinates clerks, two messengers, and four watchmen. The
following prisoners are attached to the department:

Commanding General's Office.—This office, at the head of which is
the commanding general, is at New York.

Adjutant General's Office.—Col. Samuel Cooper, Adjutant General,
independents—Brevet Major E. D. Townsend, Brevet Capt. S. Williams,
Brevet Capt. J. C. Greaves, Brevet Advocate, Brevet Major John
W. Lee, chief clerk, and two messengers. This office is referred to as
the adjutant general's office.

Records which pertain to the personnel of the army, the rolls, etc., are
kept in the adjutant general's office.

Arrive at Woodstock by 7 p. m.

457 From Bristol, by Grayville, Brockbridge, Pittsfield, North Sher-
burne and Mondou, to Rutland, 20 miles and back, six times a
week.

Independents may propose schedules of departures and arrivals to be
approved by the postmasters at the ends of the route.

458 From Brockbridge, by Rochester, to Hancock, 11 miles and
back, six times a week; and from Ripon, by East Middle-
bury, to Middlebury, 3 miles and back, six times a week.

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approved by the postmasters at the ends of the route.

For forms of proposals see page 10.

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